REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-21 are currently pending in the application. In the above Non-Final

Office Action the Examiner has made the following actions.

Claim Allowances

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-20 have been allowed. Applicant thanks the

Examiner for her review of the claims and responses, and appreciates the Examiner's allowance

of these claims. Applicant further notes that claim 7 was cancelled without prejudice in a

previous Office Action response, and therefore assumes that claims 2-6 and 8-20 are the

remaining allowed claims.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 112. Applicant

does not concede these rejections; however, in order to further prosecution Applicant has

cancelled claims 1 and 21 without prejudice.

Concluding Comments

Because all pending issues in this application have now been addressed, Applicant

believes that the remaining claims 2-6 and 8-20 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore,

Applicant requests that these claims be allowed and prosecution on the merits in this application

be closed.

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The undersigned would of course be available to discuss the present application with the Examiner if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a discussion could lead to resolution of any outstanding issues.

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